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SUBJECT: GUYANA FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH AT NACCFM

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1. AS PART OF HIS EFFORT TO SHOW THAT GUYANA HAD NOT TAKEN
ANTI-US STANDS IN NEW DELHI, WILLS GAVE ME A COPY OF THE
SPEECH HE HAD DELIVERED AT THE NACCFM. IN IT, HE ADDRESSED
THREE MAJOR AREAS: (1) A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,
(2) THE PROBLEMS OF SECURITY AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
LEVELS, AND (3) THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM. IN TERMS OF GUYANESE RHETORIC, IT APPEARS MILD.

2. CONCERNING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO),
WILLS SUGGESTED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED SHOULD SEEK NOT ONLY
FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURAL CHANGE BUT ALSO A DEGREE OF SHARED
CONTROL OVER THE "LEVERS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
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POWER." HE OBJECTED TO THE "ATTEMPT IN PARIS TO REMOVE
THE NEGOTIATIONS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM" AND URGED
THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS TO RETAIN THEIR SOLIDARITY IN
FIGHTING FOR THE NIEO. TO BRING POWER TO BEAR ON THE PRESENT
SYSTEM, HE SUGGESTED THAT A COUNCIL OF PRODUCERS ORGANIZATIONS BE
ESTABLISHED. HE URGED THE NON-ALIGNED TO ENTER A PROGRAM OF
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND ENGAGE IN "COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE" TO

REDUCE THEIR DEPENDENCE UPON THE PREVAILING SYSTEM OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS. HE URGED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND AND EXPRESSED PROFOUND DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE FAILURE OF THE RECENT NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE IN GENEVA TO PRODUCE MEANINGFUL RESULTS. HE ATTRIBUTED THE FAILURE TO THE LACK OF POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

3. HE APPEARED TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF A THIRD WORLD PRESS POOL, AND CALLED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION WITHIN THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

4. WILLS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD), AND CALLED FOR A SHIFT OF THE PRIORITIES OF MANKIND AWAY FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION AND TOWARD THE PROVISION OF FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY AND SHELTER FOR THE POOR.

5. ONE PARAGRAPH WAS DEVOTED TO "DESTABILIZATION" ALTHOUGH THE WORD DESTABILIZATION WAS NOT USED IN THE PARAGRAPH. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE "INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BENT UPON IMPUNING OUR SOVEREIGN CHOICES" CONCERNING THE STRATEGY OF DEVELOPMENT FOR TRANSFORMING AND MODERNIZING SOCIETIES. THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD USED TERRORISM AND HAD ACTED IN CONCERT WITH AN "IRRESPONSIBLE PRESS" TO REVERSE "FREELY CHOSEN DECISIONS." HE THANKED THE NAM FOR THE SOLIDARITY WHICH HAD SUSTAINED GUYANA AND SAID THAT GUYANA WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO BRIGANDAGE AND OUTLAWRY
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NOR WOULD IT COMPROMISE ITS INTEGRITY FOR ANY "TRANSIENT FEELING OF SAFETY."

6. WILLS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE AND CALLED FOR A REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF ALL THE LITTORAL STATES TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO THAT EFFECT. OTHER TOPICS COVERED WERE THE MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE CALLED UPON THE NON-ALIGNED TO RELY HEAVILY ON THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER OR DISARMAMENT.

7. COMMENT: WILLS' RHETORIC WAS CHARACTERISTICALLY OBTUSE, BUT MILD BY GUYANESE STANDARDS. HIS SPEECH CONTAINED NO MENTION OF THE UNITED STATES. THERE WAS AN UNDERLYING REJECTION OF THE INDIFFERENCE AND DISRESPECT THAT DEVELOPED NATIONS HAD SHOWN TOWARD THE LDC'S IN THE PAST AND A WARNING AGAINST ANY ATTEMPTS AT THE PRESENT TO DIVIDE OR PENETRATE THE LDC'S. FULL TEXT OF WILLS' SPEECH IS BEING POUCHED TO ARXGXCAR.

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